

The Herald and News

AN APPALLING DISASTER.

THREE HUNDRED MEN PERISH IN A JOHNSTOWN MINE.

Cause of the Explosion Not Known, but Supposed to be the Carelessness of Some Miner—Noble Efforts of those who Escaped from the Mine to Rescue Those who Did Not—The Mine Has Been in Operation for Fifty Years—Pitiful Scenes in the Homes of the Miners.

Johnstown, Penn., July 10.—Johnstown has again been visited by an appalling disaster.

It is only less frightful than the awful calamity of May 31, 1880, in lost of life, but in its terrible consequence it has brought the shadow of sorrow in hundreds of homes made desolate by a mine explosion, which took place in the Cambria Steel Company Rolling Mill mine, under Westmount Hill, at 12.20 o'clock this afternoon.

How many are dead it may take several days to ascertain, but that it is a long and shocking list is certain. It may reach two hundred or more men.

It was nearly an hour after the explosion before any general knowledge of what had happened got abroad. Men who came from the mines, escaping with their lives, told the terrible news and soon it spread like wild fire all over the city. In scores of homes there were the most pathetic scenes. Mothers, wives, daughters, sons and relatives were frantic with grief. Hundreds rushed to the point and, with sobbing hearts, awaited news that did not come from the ill-fated mine.

NARROW ESCAPE OF AMERICANS.

About a score of Americans, who were at work in the Klondike district, noticed the presence of the fire damp in their apartment soon after the explosion occurred and started at once for the main entrance. They were almost overcome by the gas, but reached the outside in safety. One of the men who got out safely said it was not known what caused the explosion, and that it will probably never be known, as he believed none of the men in the Klondike district can be saved.

CARELESSNESS OF MINERS.

He also said that only a few days ago the officials issued an order to the employees in the mines not to play with the gas, and that the next day a young Hungarian was seen pushing his naked lamp along the roof of the mine in search of it. The mine foreman, Harry Rodgers, his assistant, William Blanch, and Fire Bosses John Whitney, John Thomas and John Retallick were overcome by the gases and perished in a heroic attempt to rescue the miners. Mining Engineer Moore and George T. Robinson, superintendent, are at the head of a rescuing party from the Franklin Slope and Conemangh Mine. They are slowly working their way to the scene of the explosion, but must fight the gas every step of the way. Canvas screens are being used to wall all the side entrances and rooms so as to force a current of pure air ahead of the rescuers. Engineer A. G. Prosser, who, with Mr. Moore, entered the mine at the main opening, came to the surface at Mill Creek yesterday and immediately set about getting men and material to assist in the rescue. It will be absolutely impossible to state the loss of life until the rescuers reach the scene of the disaster, which may be several hours, possibly midnight.

THE BODIES OF FIFTY MEN.

Several miners have reached the surface who were working near the scene of the explosion. They say that they passed through a portion of the Klondike district and saw the bodies of at least fifty men. The men who came out were foreigners and were in such an excited condition that it was impossible to get a connected story from them.

The mine has been open for about fifty years and is producing 3,000 tons per day. It is the property of the Cambria Steel Company. The families of the entombed miners are assembled in large numbers at the mine opening, but they cannot get any definite information and must endure the suspense of many hours.

THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

is now placed at 125. No list of the names of the dead miners can be given, for the majority of them were foreigners, and were known only by check and not by name. The only

way their names will ever be known if the bodies are not recovered in time for identification, will be by their families sending their names to us."

DESCRIPTION OF THE MINE.

The mine in which the disaster occurred is one of the largest coal mines in the United States, according to the statement of the officials tonight. From the entrance in the hill across the river from the point to the one at Mill Creek is a distance of three and three quarters miles. The Klondike section, in which the explosion occurred, is about two miles from the Mill Creek entrance.

The mine is divided into a large number of headings, levels and sections. The sections run off to the left and right of the headings, and are known as rights and lefts by the miners. The men who escaped this afternoon have spent years working in it. Otherwise they could never have reached the surface. Lights were out and there was no way for them to find their way to the top had they not not known the mine perfectly.

EFFECT OF THE EXPLOSION.

The few survivors who have escaped from the depth of the mine describe the condition as frightful. Outside of the "Klondike" the mines are safe and uninjured. Within the fatal limits of the mine the havoc wrought by the explosion is such as beggars description. Solid walls of masonry three feet through were torn down as though barriers of paper. The roofs of the mine were demolished and not a door remains standing.

Brave attempts at rescue were made here. Mining Engineer Moore and his assistant, A. G. Prosser, tried to make some headway toward the imprisoned miners three and a half miles away, but they were driven back by the deadly gases. Richard Bennett and John Meyers, two miners were similarly driven back. Then the attempt at rescue work from the main opening was shifted to Mill Creek, five miles from this city.

Business in the city was practically at a standstill.

ENDORSED BY HIS COUNTRY.

W. Boyd Evans the Favorite of the Democracy of Marion in Convention Assembled.

Whereas W. Boyd Evans is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner, Resolved, That we, the Democracy of Marion County, in convention assembled, endorse his candidacy and commend him to the voters of the State as one qualified to perform the duties of the office, with credit to himself and fidelity to the State.

The above resolutions were passed unanimously.

HONORED WHERE HE WAS BORN.

Whereas, W. Boyd Evans is announced as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner; and, whereas, we, the Democratic voters of the township in which he was born and reared, knowing him to be qualified in every particular to fill the office to which he aspires with credit to himself and honor to the State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Democratic voters of Kirby Township, in meeting assembled, do endorse his candidacy, and instruct the delegates elected to the County Convention to offer suitable resolutions commending him to the citizens of this State for their support.

McLAURIN AT OYSTER BAY.

The Junior Senator Takes Lunch with the President and "Not Unlikely" Dismissed his Expected Appointment as a Judge on the Court of Claims.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 11.—Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, accompanied by D. D. Colcock, secretary of the Louisiana Cane Growers' Association, arrived here today. Mr. McLaurin took luncheon with the president.

Senator McLaurin said his call was purely social, but it is not unlikely that Mr. McLaurin's expected appointment as a Judge on the Court of Claims bench was under discussion.

IT WILL SOON BE "JUDGE McLAURIN." Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 11.—Senator McLaurin, after spending nearly two hours with the President, left on the afternoon train for New York. While he declined to discuss the likelihood of his appointment to the bench of the United States Court of Claims, it is understood that such appointment has been agreed upon. The probability is that, although Senator McLaurin's term in the

senate will expire on the 4th of next March, he will not complete his term, but will resign to accept the offered judicial position.

CAN GET THEM CLEAN ALL RIGHT.

If Congaree River Is Too Muddy The Record Will Furnish Stevenson Clean Water.

It will be remembered that in his campaign speech at Newberry Mr. Stevenson, candidate for attorney general, made the statement that he would reply to charges made by the editor of the Columbia Record in the same manner that Hub Evans had replied to the editor of the Greenville News were it not for the fact that the Congaree River was too muddy to cleanse his hands.

In reply the following is from the Record of Wednesday:

Mr. W. F. Stevenson, candidate for attorney general, indulged in some bombast and braggadocio in his speech at Newberry yesterday. If Congaree water is not good enough for him, a supply of distilled or filtered water will be obtained for him, if he wants to visit The Record office. Meanwhile, the campaign party has passed through many counties, where there all kinds of water, and Mr. Stevenson has not Hub Evansed U. X. Gunter, who has on every stump, to Mr. Stevenson's face, proclaimed and endorsed the very same charges that in The Record excited Mr. Stevenson's long-distance wire. He is too fond of buncombe.

The July Woman's Home Companion is a patriotic number. "The First Declaration of Independence" is the story of the Declaration which antedated the famous one of 1776. "The Independence Hall of To-day" is a charming historical article woven round the Hall in Philadelphia, which has been lately restored. "The Death Throes of the Confederacy" gives a vivid description of the last battle of the Civil War. A humorous story of the War of 1812 is "The Battle of Quahang Neck," by Joe Lincoln. Cyrus Townsend Brady's charming story, "Woven With the Ship," is continued. Onoto Watanna contributes "The Love of a Geisha Girl," and Will N. Harben has a tale of the Georgia mountaineers. Miss Grace Margaret Gould gives valuable hints on the latest frills of fashion. Published by The Crowell Publishing Co., Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy; sample copy free.

THE CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.

The State Democratic Executive Committee Arranged the Schedules.

The following is the schedule for the two campaign parties in the State this year:

Candidates for the United States Senate and House of Representatives, Democratic party of South Carolina, 1902, will attend the following campaign meetings:

Hampton, Saturday, July 19.
Barnwell, Tuesday, July 22.
Aiken, Wednesday, July 23.
Edgefield, Thursday, July 24.
Saluda, Saturday, July 26.
Lexington, Monday, July 28.
Newberry, Tuesday, July 29.
Laurens, Thursday, July 31.
Greenville, Friday, August 1.
Pickens, Saturday, August 2.

Waltham, Monday, August 4.
Anderson, Tuesday, August 5.
Abbeville, Friday, August 8.
Greenwood, Saturday, August 9.
Union, Tuesday, August 12.
Spartanburg, Wednesday, Aug. 13.
Gaffney, Thursday, August 14.
Yorkville, Saturday, August 16.
Lancaster, Tuesday, August 19.
Chester, Wednesday, August 20.
Winnsboro, Thursday, August 21.

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Our stock in cold storage is limited, so that it is advisable to place orders early to avoid being disappointed in securing your seed potatoes when ready to plant.

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Major J. W. Woodcock, one of the best known old operators in the country, cured dead from heart disease, and sent him to his home in Portland, Idaho, while moving his law—The Press.

Mrs. M. A. Birdsall, Watkins, N. Y., whose portrait heads this advertisement, says: "I write this time-honored little for benefits I received from Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. I had palpitation of the heart, severe pains under the left shoulder, and my general health was miserable. A few bottles of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure cured me entirely."

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Walhalla, Monday, August 4.
Anderson, Tuesday, August 5.
Abbeville, Friday, August 8.
Greenwood, Saturday, August 9.
Union, Tuesday, August 12.
Spartanburg, Wednesday, Aug. 13.
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Campaign schedule for candidates for State offices of the Democratic party of South Carolina for 1902:

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Spartanburg, Tuesday, July 22.
Gaffney, Wednesday, July 23.
Yorkville, Friday, July 25.
Chester, Saturday, July 26.
Winnsboro, Tuesday, July 29.
Lancaster, Wednesday, July 30.
Camden, Thursday, July 31.
Chesterfield, Saturday, August 2.
Bennettsville, Tuesday, August 5.
Bishopville, Wednesday, August 6.
Darlington, Thursday, August 7.
Florence, Friday, August 8.
Marion, Saturday, August 9.
Columbia, Tuesday, August 12.
Georgetown, Thursday, August 14.
Kingstree, Saturday, August 16.
Moncks Corner, Tuesday, August 17.
Manning, Wednesday, August 20.
Columbia, Thursday, August 21.

Richmond, Va., National Negro Business League.

Rochester, N. Y., Knights of St. John Supreme Commandery.

Savannah, Ga., Zion Baptist Association.

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